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FROM CAPTAIN ROBERT STEWART.

CAMP AT RAYS TOWN Octr. 25th. 1758

MY DEAR COLONEL

Just now an Express arriv'd from Winchester with the Inclos'd Letter, the Cover of the Governour's was quite to Pieces before it came to hand I observe it contains some Commissions I hope mine is amongst them as nobody here has any accots. from Virginia I beg you'll be so good as to let me know the News by first oppy

I wrote you yesterday Just as I was getting ready to March relative to Necessaries for the Men and as no oppy has since occurrd I send it Inclos'd notwithstanding the hurry in which it was wrote as its now late and the Express that brings you this sets out before Day in the morning —

Colo.'s Montgomerie and Byrd March'd yesterday — the Light Horse and Grenadeers waits with the General who defer'd Marching till this day which prov'd too rainy — The last Division of the Artillery March'd this forenoon but I fear the heavy rains will greatly retard its progress

Colo. Mercer with the last of the Waggons and Pack Horses will be in to morrow and its said we shall then have a sufficient Quantity of Provisions

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An Express for Philadelphia sets out to morrow morning by him I send your Letter for Mr. Chew — No news of any kind are stirring at this place — as the General will push on when he sets out I hope to have the pleasure of Joining you soon and in the mean time I beg leave to Subscribe myself with the highest & most unfeigned Esteem

My Dear Sir Your truly Affecte. & Most Obliged hble Servt. ROBERT STEWART